

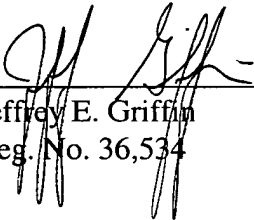
## REMARKS

As a result of the preceding amendments, claims 1-4, 7-15, 22-34, and 37-43 remain pending. Of these pending claims, claims 1, 4, 7-9, 32, 37, and 39-42 are amended herein. The remaining claims correspond to Group II identified in the restriction requirement of the parent case hereto. All of the amendments made herein are made solely to bring them into the identified Group II.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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